Chapter 3. Teacher Education and Continuing Education

IC 20-28-3-1

Duties of department

Sec. 1. (a) The department shall:

- (1) arrange a statewide system of professional instruction for teacher education;
- (2) accredit and inspect teacher education schools and departments that comply with the rules of the department;
- (3) recommend and approve courses for the education of particular kinds of teachers in accredited schools and departments; and
- (4) specify the types of licenses for graduates of approved courses.
- (b) The department shall work with teacher education schools and departments to develop a system of teacher education that ensures individuals who graduate from the schools and departments are able to meet the highest professional standards.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.147.

IC 20-28-3-2

Accredited schools and departments

- Sec. 2. (a) An accredited school or department may use the word "accredited" in advertising approved courses and the types of teachers the school or department is accredited to prepare. An accredited school or department may enter into the student teaching agreements specified in IC 20-26-5.
- (b) The department shall revoke the right to use the word "accredited" when an accredited school or department refuses to abide by the advisory board's rules.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.148.

IC 20-28-3-3

Guidelines for teacher education

- Sec. 3. (a) The department, shall develop guidelines for use by accredited teacher education institutions and departments in preparing individuals to teach in various environments.
- (b) The guidelines developed under subsection (a) must include courses and methods that assist individuals in developing cultural competency (as defined in IC 20-31-2-5).

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.149.

IC 20-28-3-4

Continuing education

Sec. 4. A governing body may adjourn the governing body's schools for not more than three (3) days in a school year to allow

teachers to participate in:

- (1) a session concerning agricultural instruction conducted in the county;
- (2) a meeting of a teachers' association; or
- (3) a visitation of model schools under a governing body's direction.

A governing body shall pay a teacher the teacher's per diem salary for the teacher's participation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12.